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Subject: CIA Daily Report on
The Security Situation in Uruguay
(Situation Report Number 15)

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1. The US Embassy in Montevideo reports that there is an increased awareness among Uruguayans of the need to counter-act Communist agitation directed against the Summit meeting. There is, for example, serious discussion within the government on the advisability of calling in top Communist leaders and warning them against disruptive activities. There is also thought being given to bringing to the attention of Soviet embassy officials the harmful effect that Communist-incited disturbances might have on Uruguayan-USSR relations. The government plans to close off the Montevideo airport during the arrival of chiefs of state, with the crowd at the airport to be "selected."

2. Uruguayan press coverage of the Summit Meeting is becoming increasingly favorable. The responsible press is expanding its coverage of all aspects of the Summit, including reporting on the actions being taken to prepare for a successful meeting.

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3. Former Brazilian President Joao Goulart has changed his residence from Punta del Este to his ranch in northern Uruguay. This decision by Goulart, who has been exiled in Uruguay since his ouster by the anti-Communist revolution of March 1964, removes a potential security problem from the immediate area of the Summit Meeting site.

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